

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: HENDRICKS, Keith D. Art Unit - 1760  
Re: Application of: OHDAIRA, Y., et al.  
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Confirmation No. 4081

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO/SB/08a, which lists references cited in a Japanese Office Action dated June 19, 2007 and of which Applicants are aware for the present application. Copies of the foreign references with English Abstracts, as well as the Japanese Office Action are attached. Copies of JP '921, JP 539 and JP '617 have not been disclosed herein since these documents were already disclosed in the November 3, 2004 IDS.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

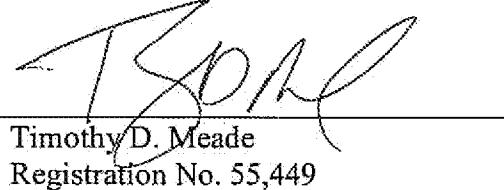
This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) within three months from the mailing date of the Japanese Office Action. No fee is believed to be due. If, on the other hand, it is determined that fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 02-2275. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The fee associated therewith is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO/SB/08a form be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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